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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, MO, SS, LI, AG

SUBJECT: BOUMEDIENE AND QADHAFI: THIRD ROUND

REF: ALGIERS 0392

1. BOUMEDIENE RETURNED ALGIERS 13 FEB AFTER TWO-DAY VISIT  
IN TRIPOLI. HE AND QADHAFI MET FOR TEN CONTINUOUS HOURS  
12 FEB AND CONTINUED THEIR DISCUSSIONS FEB 13.

2. JOINT COMMUNIQUE PUTS VISIT IN FRAMEWORK OF "AGREED  
UPON REGULAR PERIODIC MEETINGS" WHICH COMMUNIQUE STATED  
WOULD CONTINUE. ACCORDING COMMUNIQUE,  
DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON "INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF STRUCTURES  
BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES".

3. THIS THIRD MEETING BETWEEN TWO LEADERS WITH LITTLE  
TO SHOW PUBLICLY BUT RHETORIC. ONE FOREIGN MINISTRY  
SOURCE STATED THAT DISCUSSIONS "GOING AHEAD SLOWLY"  
AND IMPLIED THAT NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE WAS MUCH ON  
BOUMEDIENE'S MIND. ANOTHER FOREIGN MINISTRY  
SOURCE COMMENTED THAT QADHAFI ALWAYS SEEKING UNITY  
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WITH SOMEONE, ANYONE, THAT IDEA OF UNITY IS FINE, BUT

THAT ALGERIANS WILL BE MOVING VERY CAUTIOUSLY TOWARD ANY IMPLEMENTATION OF INSTITUTIONAL UNITY.

4. NEITHER OFFICIAL IN POSITION KNOW SUBSTANCE- OF DISCUSSIONS BUT THEIR REMARKS ECHO GENERAL SKEPTICISM AS TO LIKELIHOOD OF "UNITY". COOPERATION BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES ON SUCH ISSUES AS NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, WHERE RHETORIC AND PHILOSOPHICAL SIMILARITIES ALREADY ALIGN REGIMES, IS PRESUMABLY EASIER AND PROBABLY EXPLAINS WHY IT MAY BE MAJOR FORCUS.

5. GENERALIZED VERBAL ATTACKS ON IMPERIALISTS AND OMISSION OF SAHARA ISSUE FROM JOINT STATEMENTS SUGGEST THAT LIBYAN-ALGERIAN COOPERATION ON SAHARA REMAINS IN TACTICAL REALM. QADHAFI MAY BE AS LEARY AS MOVING TOWARD UNITY ON SAHARA AS BOUMEDIENE IS IN MOVING TOWARD IT INSTITUTIONALLY. PARKER

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